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HOUSE SPEAKER MARCO RUBIO ANNOUNCES COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CHANGES TO FILL DEPARTING REPRESENTATIVE HOLLY BENSON'S LEADERSHIP ROLE

TALLAHASSEE- "I congratulate Chair Benson on being chosen as Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Her appointment is a loss for the House and the people of the 3rd District, but is a gain for all of Florida. She is highly qualified to lead the Department, and Governor-elect Crist was wise to choose her. She is a friend and has my support in her new role. I look forward to working with her as Secretary during the next two years."

With the departure of Chair Holly Benson to serve as Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Speaker Marco Rubio announced the following council and committee membership changes:

- ◆ Representative Dennis Ross will serve as Chair of the Safety & Security Council, and also will serve on the Policy & Budget Council and the Rules & Calendar Council. He therefore is removed from the Committee on Insurance, the Committee on Conservation & State Lands and the Jobs & Entrepreneurship Council.
- ◆ Representative Ron Reagan will serve as Chair of the Committee on Insurance, and therefore is removed from the Committee on Business Regulation.

Additionally, Speaker Rubio announced the following council and committee membership changes:

- ◆ Representative Kevin Ambler will serve on the Policy & Budget Council.
- ◆ Representative Tom Anderson will serve on the Committee on Urban & Local Affairs and therefore is removed from the Committee on State Affairs.
- ◆ Representative Larry Cretul will serve on the Committee on Health Quality and therefore is removed from the Committee on Agribusiness.
- ◆ Representative Rich Glorioso will serve on the Environment & Natural Resources Council.
- ◆ Representative Will Kendrick will serve on the Policy & Budget Council.
- ◆ Representative John Legg will serve as Deputy Majority Whip.

- ◆ Representative Ralph Poppell will serve on the Committee on Agribusiness and therefore is removed from the Committee on Urban & Local Affairs and the Environment & Natural Resources Council.
- ◆ Representative Ron Saunders will serve on the Legislative Budget Commission.
- ◆ Representative Jack Seiler will no longer serve on the Legislative Budget Commission.

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